



Illinois Conservation Police Bi-Weekly Report



Vision Statement: As vigilant guardians we will protect the citizens and natural resources of Illinois.

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(Weeks of April 29 – May 13)

*This report represents some events the OLE handled over the last couple of weeks;
however, it does not include all actions taken by the Office of Law Enforcement.*

REGION 1 – Captain Laura Petreikis

District 1 – Sgt. T. Petreikis

(Counties: Carroll, Henry, JoDaviess, Lee, Mercer, Ogle, Rock Island, Stephenson & Whiteside)

CARROLL COUNTY

CPO Hoogerwerf conducted sport fishing compliance checks on the Apple River. A Freeport man was issued a citation for fishing without a valid sport fishing license. The same man was issued the same citation at the same location by the same officer in 2007.

CPO Jones cited a Dixon man for failure to immediately release an undersized largemouth bass at Miller's Hollow Boat Launch.

CPO Jones arrested a Sterling man for possession of cannabis more than 2.5 grams at Mississippi Palisades State Park.

CPO Jones cited five mushroom hunters at state areas who were entering hunting areas unlawfully before 1:00 p.m. A Cary man was cited at French Bluff Natural Area for hunting turkeys after 1:00 p.m.

JO DAVIESS COUNTY

CPO Hoogerwerf patrolled IDNR hunting properties during the spring wild turkey hunting season. Only hunters with site specific permits are allowed on the sites until the end of turkey hunting hours (1:00 p.m. daily). Five non-hunters were issued citations for unlawfully collecting edible fungi during an open hunting season at the site and written warnings for entering a closed area.

CPO Hoogerwerf found an individual collecting morel mushrooms in the Hanover Bluff Nature Preserve. The Shannon man was issued a citation for unlawfully collecting edible fungi in conflict with the Natural Areas Preservation Act.

CPO Hoogerwerf conducted traffic stops in Apple River Canyon State Park. Citations and warnings were issued to individuals driving over the posted speed limit.

LEE COUNTY

While on boat patrol on the Rock River, CPO Palumbo issued a citation and written warnings to a Dixon boat operator for operating an unnumbered watercraft with an insufficient number of wearable personal flotation devices on board.

CPO Palumbo issued written warnings to a Dixon boat operator for operating a motorboat with a fire extinguisher that was not in serviceable condition and for not having a type IV throwable personal flotation device on board.

OGLE COUNTY

Two anglers from Dixon were fishing White Pines State Park and one of the men had two active warrants. He was taken into custody without incident and transported to Ogle County jail.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPOs Francisko and Posateri were on a boat patrol of the Mississippi River near Hampton, IL. Several fishermen were checked at Lock and Dam #14. An East Moline man was found to be fishing without a fishing license. The subject was issued a citation for fishing without a fishing license. He was also found to be wanted on a valid warrant for his arrest in Rock Island County. The subject was transported to Rock Island County jail without incident.

CPO Posateri attended the Quad City Law Enforcement Memorial held at the Rock Island County Justice Center to pay tribute to fallen IDNR investigator Otis John What (end of watch January 16, 1951).

District 6 - Sgt. Hank Frazier

(Counties: Boone, Bureau, DeKalb, LaSalle, Putnam & Winnebago)

BOONE COUNTY

CPO Frichtl received a complaint of two men who had reportedly placed a commercial fishing net in the Kishwaukee River in Belvidere. CPO Frichtl responded to the scene along with the assistance of a local police officer. The two men were gone upon the arrival of the officers. The complainant described the location where she believed the net had been placed. CPO Frichtl waded in the river searching for the net; however a net was not discovered.

DEKALB COUNTY

CPO Murry was patrolling Shabbona Lake State Park when he observed two individuals in a boat on a lake that is posted "no fishing." The lake is small and also has no boat access to it. The individuals were ordered to shore. It was later found out that the individuals had located the boat near the water and decided to take it onto the lake. The boat is owned by Shabbona Lake State Park and is used to assist disabled hunters who waterfowl hunt the lake and to service the drain in the lake. The individuals in the boat had no safety equipment necessary while in the watercraft. They were cited for no personal floatation devices and numerous warnings.

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Murry and CPO Wire responded to a call of two individuals trespassing on private property and possibly hunting morel mushrooms on a closed nature preserve. CPO Murry located the two individuals who had been called and warned of the CPO's presence in the area. While watching the individuals, CPO Murry observed them discussing their story on why they were in the Nature Preserve. The individuals were stopped and questioned. After initially lying about the reason for being in the preserve, they admitted to hunting morel mushrooms. The mushrooms were recovered and each individual was arrested for entering a closed nature preserve and harvesting mushrooms in the closed nature preserve. They were given warnings for trespassing on the private property.

CPO Murry was patrolling Mathiessen State Park when he observed a group of individuals climb approximately 20 ft. up a rock face. While sitting on a ledge, one male subject removed a pipe from his pocket along with a pill bottle. The individual commenced to packing the pipe and smoking it. While climbing down, the male lost his footing and slid down

the last 10 ft. The subject was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis, possession of drug paraphernalia, and entering a restricted area-climbing.

CPOs Jansen, Kaufman, Wire and Sgt. Frazier responded to LaSalle Lake for a boat accident. Upon arrival it was determined that three subjects were in the water and had been assisted to the shore by another boater. The vessel was swamped and located on the rocks. One subject was pronounced dead at the scene.

CPOs Jansen and Kaufman responded to a boat accident on the Illinois River near Starved Rock. Two subjects were on board when the vessel struck a log in the water causing the vessel to become airborne and ejecting the occupants. Both subjects were able to swim to shore and the vessel was beached approximately 20 ft. on the South bank. The CPOs launched a boat and they were able to retrieve the subjects. One subject was transported to the hospital for additional treatment and later released. A citation for operation of watercraft without a lanyard cutoff switch and written warnings for no type IV pfd and battery terminals not covered were issued.

CPO Jansen patrolled the Starved Rock Trails on an enforcement detail on May 1st-3rd. Ten trail citations, two written warnings were issued and two subjects were arrested on drug related charges. Two additional subjects were arrested for possession of cannabis less than 2.5 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia in the campground.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

While conducting fishing license compliance checks, CPO Schoonhoven arrested a subject for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis.

CPO Alt assisted Belvidere Police Department in completing surface searches for a missing person on the Rock River in Winnebago County by boat. The missing person is a murder suspect who went missing in January.

CPO Alt participated in the Department's Spring rifle and pistol training and qualification.

CPO Alt completed equipment maintenance and season preparation to the District 6 patrol boat.

CPO Alt completed boat safety inspections at Rock River ramps. Violations detected included registration, PFD and equipment deficiencies with boats inspected. Enforcement action was taken to educate and ensure voluntary compliance to boat safety requirements by area boaters.

CPO Alt attended the IHSA fishing tournament at Pierce Lake in Rock Cut State Park. Over 20 boats were inspected by CPO Alt and IHSA officials for the tournament.

CPO Alt patrolled Rock Cut State Park enforcing the Illinois Vehicle Code and stopped several motorists documenting violations for speeding, insurance, and equipment deficiencies.

CPO Alt completed an investigation report for a recent pollution complaint in the City of Rockford. Charges are pending a meeting and review of the case with the State's Attorney's Office.

District 7, Sgt. Avery

(Counties: Fulton, Henderson, Knox, Marshall, McDonough, Peoria, Stark, Tazewell, Warren & Woodford)

FULTON COUNTY

CPO Thompson responded to a call from a private landowner referencing a trespassing complaint. The complainant stated he observed a male subject on his property appearing to be looking for mushrooms. Upon arrival, a male subject was located pacing the gravel roadway and was asked what his business was in this area. He said he had been walking

the roadway looking for his dog. When asked if he knew whose property he was on, he said "I've not been on any private property. I've just been walking the roadway here." CPO Thompson noticed a fresh scratch on the subjects hand with blood coming from it and mud on his boots. After some questioning surrounding how he had sustained a cut on his hand from walking the roadway the subject admitted that he and a friend were mushrooming. Two citations were issued to the trespassers.

CPO Thompson located a white Dodge truck on Freeman United Coal Mine property. Approximately one hour later a male subject emerged from the woods with a bag of mushrooms. One citation was issued.

McDONOUGH COUNTY

CPO Reid conducted a boat safety detail at Lake Argyle State Park. Two citations and eleven written warnings were issued in three hours.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPO Gerard and CPO Lazzell cited four individuals for operating ATV's on private property without permission of the landowner.

REGION 2 – Captain Brett Scroggins

District 2 – Sgt. Rich Riedel **(Counties: Kane, Lake & McHenry)**

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Jason Hurt observed a fisherman fishing from a boat on the Fox River beneath the Rte. 173 bridge. The fisherman was keeping some fish and releasing others. The fisherman was seen putting one fish in a cooler in the bow of his boat. When the fisherman left, CPO Hurt summoned the boat to a nearby dock to conduct a check of the boat and the fish. The fisherman said he had three walleye and pulled them each from a live well. The three walleye measured between 14-18 inches. When asked again if he had any more fish on the boat, the fisherman paused then said he had one more over 24". CPO Hurt asked to see the walleye, which actually measured only 23". The fisherman was cited for failure to immediately release the walleye, which fell in the protected slot (18"-24"). The walleye was released alive back into the Fox River.

CPO Jason Hurt conducted two assigned random commercial inspections on boat rental establishments. One citation and one written warning were issued for failure to register rental boats.

CPOs Jason Hurt and Tom Davis conducted a work boat patrol on the Fox Chain O' Lakes. Several boats and fishermen were checked for compliance. Two citations were issued for operation of watercraft without a current Fox Waterway user sticker and several written warnings were issued for boat safety equipment violations.

CPOs Winters, Kelley, and VanWiltburg conducted boat training on the Impact 750 on the Chain O' Lakes.

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While patrolling the Chain O' Lakes conducting sport fish enforcement, CPO Winters issued three boating citations, one fishing citations, and six boating related written warnings.

McHENRY COUNTY

CPOs Jason Hurt and Todd Semenik conducted a work boat patrol on the lower Fox River. Several boats and fishermen

were checked. Citations were issued for operation of a watercraft with expired registration and operation of a watercraft without a current Fox Waterway user sticker.

CPO Davis cited a subject for failure to release a slot walleye on the Fox River (22 3/4").

District 2 CPOs are undergoing training on the new Impact 750 patrol boat, learning how to operate the boat.

District 3 – Sgt. Mark Simon **(Counties: Grundy, Kankakee, Kendall & Will)**

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Mieure conducted sport fish enforcement from a boat on the Kankakee River near Momence. He checked four vessels issuing written warnings for no fire extinguisher, expired registration, and no sounding device. He additionally checked fishermen fishing from the bank and issued six individuals warnings for not having a fishing license or having an expired license.

CPO Wollgast and Mieure investigated a complaint of an ATV that was dumped in the Kankakee River. The ATV was determined to be stolen and returned to the rightful owner the next day.

KENDALL COUNTY

While patrolling Silver Springs State Park and checking fishermen, CPO Bergland arrested a man on a no bond Will County warrant.

CPO Bergland participated as a presenter at the Kendall County Soil and Water Conservation District Natural Resource Tour for approximately 450 local 4th and 5th graders.

WILL COUNTY

Acting on an anonymous tip, CPO Mieure located a small marijuana grow near the Will/Kankakee line. The marijuana plants were removed and destroyed and the case was turned over to the Sheriff's Office.

CPO Honiotes conducted a HazMat investigation on the backwaters of the Des Plaines River. A naturalist had discovered a black tar-like substance below the surface of the water. An area of approximately 200 ft. by 30 ft. shows signs of pollution. Investigation is ongoing.

District 4 – Sgt. Bill Shannon **(Counties: Cook & DuPage)**

COOK COUNTY

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol enforcing recreational boating laws when he observed a young child sitting in the front of the boat while the boat was underway. The child was observed not wearing a personal flotation device. CPO Whitchurch conducted a boat safety inspection. It was learned the child was only 9 years of age. There was not an appropriate size personal flotation device on board the boat for the child. CPO Whitchurch informed the adult operating the boat about personal flotation device laws. The adult was issued a citation for unlawful operation of a watercraft without having a child under the age of 13 wearing a personal flotation device.

CPO Whitchurch was on foot patrol enforcing sport fishing regulations at a Cook County Lake. CPO Whitchurch observed several subjects fishing. When one of the subjects CPO Whitchurch observed fishing noticed CPO Whitchurch, he immediately grabbed a bucket which had a fish flopping around inside of it. CPO Whitchurch made contact with the subject before he made the entire walk over to the water's edge. CPO Whitchurch observed a smaller sized largemouth

bass inside the bucket. The subject who possessed the fish informed CPO Whitchurch he thought the fish was smaller than the 14 inch minimum required length limit for bass on the site specific lake in which he was fishing. CPO Whitchurch measured the fish and the length was 12.5 inches long. The subject was issued a citation for possessing the short bass after he caught it.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol when he observed two subjects fishing from a boat. Contact was made with the subjects and a boat safety inspection was completed. The operator of the boat did not possess a valid water usage stamp. CPO Whitchurch also observed there was only one wearable personal flotation device onboard the boat, but there were two occupants. CPO Whitchurch informed the operator of the boat about all applicable boating laws. The operator was issued a citation for unlawful operation of a watercraft without having wearable personal floatation devices on board for every person.

CPO Whitchurch observed two subjects fishing from a boat on a Cook County lake. Contact was made with the subjects inside the boat. A boat safety inspection was conducted. CPO Whitchurch observed there were no wearable personal flotation devices on board the boat. CPO Whitchurch educated the operator of the watercraft on the laws. The operator was issued a citation for the personal flotation device violation.

CPO Whitchurch was walking the trail on the banks of the Cal Sag Channel in southern Cook County when he observed two subjects actively fishing. CPO Whitchurch observed one of the subjects place bait on his hook and cast a line into the water by use of a fully equipped fishing rod and reel. As CPO Whitchurch approached this subject, he turned and looked at CPO Whitchurch. The subject immediately tossed the entire fishing rod and reel which had fishing line and tackle attached to it into the water. The aforementioned fishing rod and reel quickly disappeared under the water in the fast moving current. CPO Whitchurch asked the subject why he tossed his fishing rod and reel into the water. The subject told CPO Whitchurch he was scared when he saw him because he did not have a fishing license. The subject was issued a citation for unlawful pollution of waterway. He was also issued a second citation for unlawfully fishing without a valid sport fishing license.

CPO Whitchurch was walking the banks of the Des Plaines River enforcing both boating and fishing laws when he observed two subjects sitting on a concrete piling. As CPO Whitchurch approached the subjects, both subjects immediately tossed multiple items into the water. The items appeared to be glass smoking pipes. CPO Whitchurch made contact with both subjects. After concluding both subjects did not have any unlawful contents on their persons, CPO Whitchurch issued both subjects citations for unlawful pollution of a waterway.

CPOs Farber and Gilmer arrested two Chicago men for over limits of Coho Salmon. The subjects were fishing the Chicago lake front. The two men were in possession of 18 salmon. The daily creel limit is five fish per angler. Both men said they were unaware of any possession limits.

CPO V. Smith attended a hunter safety course at Palatine Park District.

CPO V. Smith performed boat inspections to ensure the safety of participants in IHSA Fishing Tournament at Busse Lake.

CPO V. Smith received boat training on Lake Michigan.

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Farber issued a Westmont man fishing in the Des Plaines River two citations and one written warning for failure to immediately release short fish. The subject had three Northern Pike on a stringer. All Northern Pike taken in Illinois must be at least 24" in total length or longer, except in the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers. After placing all fish on a measuring device it was discovered that the three Northern Pike were in the protected slot limit set by the State of Illinois. The fish measured 21", 22 1/2" and 23 1/4". All fish were released alive. The subject claimed he kept the fish to take a picture for his friend.

CPO Farber received a TIP from an anonymous complainant stating that he witnessed a grounds keeper on a Zion golf course harvest two Canada geese with a shotgun out of season. After a short interview, the subject claimed that he used "bird bangers" to scare the geese and denied shooting any geese with a shotgun. CPO Farber retrieved the downed birds from the pond and took them to the local vet for further examination. Both birds were x-rayed and were found to be full of bird shot. Sgt. Shannon assisted with a follow up interview and the groundskeeper immediately admitted to shooting the geese with a shotgun earlier in the day. The Wisconsin man was cited for two counts of unlawful take of Canada geese, hunting without a non-resident hunting license, hunting without a state waterfowl stamp and wanton waste. A Remington Wing Master 870 was seized.

While conducting boat and fishing checks at Waukegan Harbor, CPO Vaughan and CPO Semenik observed a boat violating the no wake zone in the north harbor basin. A boat inspection was completed. The operator was a new boat owner and the following violations were noted: Violation of no wake zone, unlawful operation of boat without any wearable P.F.D.'s, unlawful operation of a motor boat without a fire extinguisher, unlawful operation of motor boat without battery cover, unlawful operation of boat without a sounding device, unlawful operation of boat without a throwable (type IV) P.F.D. and unlawful operation of boat without a visual distress signal on Lake Michigan. Two citations, five written warnings, and a handwritten list of all necessary equipment were issued.

CPO Vaughan responded to a domestic disturbance at Illinois Beach State Park. The argument occurred when an intoxicated woman decided she didn't want to cook out anymore and wanted to leave. Her boyfriend felt they should stay at the park and cook their dinner. During the argument a pineapple fell to the ground which angered the woman even more. The couple returned to their car and began arguing even louder which prompted a concerned citizen to call the police. The couple was separated for the evening and asked to leave the park.

CPO Vaughan is investigating a boat accident which occurred on Lake Michigan at Waukegan Harbor. The boat carrying six passengers struck a rock wall which breached the hull and sunk the boat. Fortunately no one was injured.

REGION 3 – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

(Counties: Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie & Shelby)

COLES COUNTY

CPO Lee attended an eight hour training class - Foundations for Strategic Awareness.

CPO's Moody and Barnes cited an Auburn man and an Elmhurst man along the banks of the Embarras River while checking fishermen for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of less than 2.5 grams of cannabis.

CPO Moody and Sgt. McReynolds encountered two men at the Burrus Habitat Area while investigating a poached deer complaint. The two men were hunting mushrooms in an area which was posted as "closed" except for turkey hunters. The men had driven to the area with neither man possessing a valid driver's license. Both men received citations for entering a closed area.

CPO Greuel investigated a boat capsizing accident occurring on Lake Charleston. Three Charleston men were fishing in a small Jon boat when they decided to change locations. Upon entering the main body of the lake they began taking water over the sides of the watercraft and capsized. A nearby boater assisted the subjects and towed the watercraft to shore. The investigation showed the two person watercraft was overloaded and overpowered. The operator was cited for overloading watercraft and was also issued several written warnings.

CPO Greuel cited a Puerto Rican man for no valid fishing license at Lake Charleston.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Barnes cited an Arcola subject for fishing without a license at the Fish Hook area.

CPO Barnes cited two Bethany subjects for pollution of a waterway after they were observed throwing trash along the West Okay River.

CPO Moody cited a Dalton City man on Lake Shelbyville property for hunting turkey with no valid permit.

CPOs Moody and Barnes cited a Plainfield woman for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of less than 2.5 grams of cannabis. The woman was fishing with her 17 year old son and his friend along the bank of Lake Shelbyville at the Slaughterhouse West Access. The woman was allowing her 17 year old son and his 17 year old friend to drink alcohol as well. Her son was also found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia and cannabis. The two boys were referred to the Moultrie County Juvenile State's Attorney for possible juvenile charges.

SHELBY COUNTY

Sgt. McReynolds and CPO Greuel attended the Shelby County DARE Picnic with the Wildlife Education Trailer at Forrest Park in Shelbyville.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

(Counties: Champaign, DeWitt, Ford, Iroquois, Livingston, Macon, McLean, Piatt & Vermilion)

FORD COUNTY

CPO Cottrell and CPO Schultz received a complaint of a beaver that had possibly been killed illegally from the roadway. As CPO Schultz was headed to interview a witness, the main suspect flagged him down near the bridge where the beaver was killed. A short time later CPO Cottrell arrived and a short interview with the suspect ensued. After numerous lies for about a half an hour CPO Schultz spoke to the suspect's wife who told the truth. The suspect then admitted he had a nuisance permit for the beaver but couldn't pass up the chance to take a quick shot at it from the county road bridge into the water. Multiple violations were addressed accordingly and the beaver issue was resolved.

MACON COUNTY

CPO Wright was working with a Decatur detective on a Rat Pack detail when they observed a vehicle leave a known drug house. They followed the individual and observed that he did not use a turn signal and initiated a traffic stop. During the traffic stop multiple needles were found in the vehicle with heroin residue inside them. The Effingham man was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and heroin.

CPO Wright and the Decatur detective, working the same detail, observed another vehicle leave another drug house and saw the vehicle cross multiple lanes without signaling. During the traffic stop the Decatur man was found to be wanted on a warrant for burglary. A K-9 alerted on the vehicle for the presence of drugs. The vehicle was searched, but no drugs were found. After nothing was found in the vehicle, the Decatur man admitted that he did have marijuana in his rectum. The man was arrested on the warrant and for the cannabis.

CPO Wright was patrolling around the Sangamon River when he observed a license plate that had expired. He initiated a traffic stop and it was found that the passenger was wanted on a warrant for aggravated DUI. The man was taken to Macon County Jail.

While working fishermen on Lake Decatur during a night patrol, CPO Wright arrested four Decatur men on four different checks for possession of drug paraphernalia and cannabis. One of the men was wanted on a Piatt County warrant for criminal damage to property.

CPO Wright initiated a boat safety inspection on a canoe on Lake Decatur with three individuals in the canoe. The canoe did not have the proper number of PFD's on board and the owner did not obtain a paddle pass. Two of the individuals also were arrested for drug paraphernalia and cannabis.

CPO Wright received a court disposition of a Decatur man who had been arrested multiple times in the last year for trapping violations. The man received 12 citations throughout the year. His total court fines on the latest case were \$700. The man was suspended from all hunting and trapping privileges for 39 months as well.

CPOs Reeves, Wright and Schultz assisted the Decatur Police Department in a homicide investigation by utilizing a sector scan sonar unit.

VERMILION COUNTY

CPO Schultz was checking fishermen along the Vermilion River in Danville when he approached two men, standing near a bucket, fishing. As he watched the men fish, CPO Schultz looked into the bucket which had been covered halfway with a plastic stool. He immediately noticed several nice sized smallmouth bass in the bucket which are not in season till June 15th. A compliance check of the two revealed one man did not have a fishing license and the other had knowingly tried to hide the smallmouth in the bucket. Citations were issued.

REGION 4 – Captain Jamie Maul

District 9 – Sgt. Mark Wagner

(Counties: Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Greene, Hancock, Jersey, Macoupin, Pike & Schuyler)

ADAMS COUNTY

CPO Wheatley investigated a boat accident in Bear Creek Chute of the Mississippi River north of Quincy. An elderly subject fell overboard and drowned. CPO's Wheatley, Blakeley, Blazinic, Myers, Drone, and Wichern assisted in the search for the subject.

CPO Blazinic received a complaint of a subject turkey hunting without permission. The landowner, who was turkey hunting, caught a subject on his land in camouflage clothes with a gun and a turkey decoy. CPO Blazinic interviewed the subject who admitted to hunting without permission.

CPO Blazinic received a court disposition on a subject he arrested at Siloam Springs State Park on a federal warrant for child pornography. The subject was sentenced in U.S. District Court, Davenport, IA, to 30 years imprisonment, followed by a ten year term of supervised release.

CPO Blakeley attended Law Day at Saint Francis School in Quincy with 100 students in attendance.

JERSEY COUNTY

CPO Weishaupt received a court disposition in Jersey County. A timber truck driver pleaded guilty to no daily hauling log. He was fined \$750.00 plus cost of \$373.00 for a total of \$1123.00.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO Goetten checked two fishermen at the Alton Dam. During the check he located a pipe and a bag of cannabis. The subject was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of less than 2.5 grams of cannabis, and not having a fishing license.

SCHUYLER COUNTY

CPO Myers was patrolling Schuyler County, when he located two turkey hunters without 3rd season permits. One subject did not have a 2015 hunting license, habitat stamp, or turkey permit. The other subject did not have a 2015 hunting license or habitat stamp in possession and he did not have a valid turkey permit. He had a 2nd season and 4th season permit plus his FOID status was also revoked. Arrests were made and his 12 gauge shotgun was seized.

District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone

(Counties: Cass, Christian, Logan, Mason, Morgan, Sangamon & Scott)

CASS COUNTY

Two subjects arrested by CPO Bettis for violations ranging from unlawful loaning of a deer permit, unlawful possession/take of a whitetail deer (10 point buck), and unlawful possession/use of another person's deer permit, pleaded guilty and paid fines totaling \$360.00.

Two subjects arrested by Sgt. Stone and CPO Bettis for unlawful hunting from a motor vehicle pleaded guilty to that charge and paid fines totaling \$1874.00.

A subject arrested by CPO Bettis for transportation of a loaded uncased shotgun in a motor vehicle pleaded guilty to the charge and paid a fine of \$392.00.

While working a boating and commercial fishing detail on the Illinois River, CPOs Wichern and Blakeley located two unlicensed hoop nets containing dead and morbid fish\ turtles south of Beardstown. The nets were seized and the remaining live aquatic life was released. The commercial fisherman was located and charged with operating unlicensed commercial devices and warned for failing to check his gear every 72 hrs.

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPOs Cochran and Bettis appeared at the annual Stewardship Day at the Illinois Fairgrounds. They presented information to over 100 Springfield area students on the duties of a Conservation Police Officer. In addition, they used the Education Trailer to teach hands on education to the students on native wildlife and their habitat.

Sgt. Stone, CPOs Bettis, Swance, Elliot, and Cochran participated in the annual Police Officer Memorial Day events in Springfield. During this event, Historic Honoree Investigator (Conservation Police Officer) Milton Rueck (end of watch was on 08/19/73) was added to the Police Memorial at the State Capitol grounds.

CPO Bettis was chosen to give the Invocation address at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception during the religious portion of the Police Officer Memorial Service in Springfield.

CPO Wichern presented a block of instruction on hunting laws at a hunter safety class in Loami where 33 young hunters successfully completed the course in order to obtain their first hunting license.

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

(Counties: Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, Randolph, St. Clair & Washington)

CLINTON COUNTY

CPO Tapley taught Defensive Tactics for a week at the IDNR Conservation Police Academy in Springfield.

CPO Tapley assisted with the waterfowl training scenarios at the IDNR Conservation Police Academy in Springfield.

CPO Tapley assisted with teaching Defensive Tactics training in Region 5.

CPO Tapley stopped three ATV's in Bartelso for operating on a roadway. One of the drivers was found to have beer in a cooler and he was under 21 years of age. He was issued a citation, fingerprinted, and released.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO Liebl taught the law portion for a boat safety class at Holiday Shores. Approximately 12 students were in attendance.

MONROE COUNTY

CPO Schachner worked 6 hours at a Conservation Days at Waterloo Sportsman's Club. He spoke to approximately 10 different groups (200-250 children total) of 5th grade students regarding CPO job duties as well as facts about native furbearing species and a local state threatened species (timber rattlesnake).

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Liebl was contacted by Sgt. Manker about a possible vehicle in a Sparta Lake. A stolen truck had been recovered the day before out of the lake and the divers thought they could feel another vehicle under it. With the use of sonar, it was found that there was not another vehicle under the truck. However, a second vehicle and a sunken boat were located further out in the lake. The vehicle, which was found to also be stolen, was removed a few days later. The boat was unable to be recovered. Sparta Police Department is handling the stolen vehicle investigation.

CPO Sievers, with CPO Liebl and Sgt. Manker, assisted Sparta Police Department in locating a stolen vehicle in the Sparta T Cut Lake by the use of sonar. The car was located and a diver team was utilized to secure the tow truck's cable and the car was removed from the lake.

CPO Sievers took part of a detail at the Animal Swap Meet at the Monroe County Fairgrounds. Sievers arrested a subject for unlawfully selling pheasant without a wild game breeders permit and confined the subject at the Monroe County Jail for a warrant arrest.

CPO Sievers participated in the Homeland Security boat training on the Mississippi River near Alton.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Ray received an injury report involving a participant in the IDNR Women's Wing Shooting Clinic at the World Shooting and Recreational Complex. A malfunction occurred while using a Remington 1100 28 gauge shotgun owned by the IDNR Wing shooting Program. The participant was taken to Sparta Hospital and released. The participant fractured the right index finger with a possible tendon tear.

CPO Ray received a "gun recovered" gun report from Frank Holten State Park. A white male was fishing the east bank of Willow Lake at Frank Holten State Park. The fisherman reeled in a leather shoulder holster with a partially rusted unloaded .38 Smith & Wesson revolver inside. The fisherman snagged the leather holster in the water approximately 75 yards south of the Willow Lake Bridge and within 10 feet from the east bank. The gun was not reported as stolen with further investigation being conducted by the ATF.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

CPO Charles was a guest speaker at an event at Okawville Grade School in Washington County. CPO Charles spoke to over 160 children from multiple schools in the area. CPO Charles educated the children on job duties of a Conservation Police Officer and the importance of our profession.

REGION 5 – Captain Tim Daiber

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

(Counties: Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jefferson, Pope, Saline, White)

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPO Lay received a landowner complaint of two subjects fishing from a boat on his pond without his permission. Both subjects were located as they pulled their boat off the pond. Neither subject had a fishing license. The boat the two had been in did not have current registration, life jackets, a battery cover, or a sounding device. The fisherman thought the pond was owned by the city of West Frankfort. Both men were issued two citations apiece, one for fishing without consent of the landowner, and fishing without a license. A written warning was issued for all of the boat equipment/registration violations. A mandatory court date in June is pending.

Sgt. Cariens and CPO Lay responded to a call of a stranded boater at night on Rend Lake. The stranded boaters were assisted by good samaritans and officers. The stranded father and son were thankful to be back on dry ground.

Sgt. Cariens responded to another call for a stranded boat on Rend Lake. The boaters made it back to shore safely. Region 5 CPOs attended computer, timber, defensive tactics, and OUI training at the Region 5 office.

CPO Williams received a new 20 foot work boat. He performed the required break-in and maintenance procedures on Rend Lake.

CPO Jourdan issued a written warning to a subject in the Rend Lake Resort Cove for violating the wake zone. A large group rented the resort's pontoon boats and they were operating them on plane in the cove. I met with resort staff after the warning was issued and gave recommendations on how to explain operation within a no wake area.

CPO Diggins, while investigating a goose poaching incident at Rend Lake, encountered a fisherman from Sesser. The fisherman was fishing without a license and cited for the violation.

CPO Diggins assisted a private company from Bethalto on a sonar search that discovered a stolen passenger car in Sesser Lake. Initially the detail was for searching the area lakes for a missing Benton resident.

HAMILTON COUNTY

CPO Lay was a presenter at the annual Conservation Days Event at Dolan Lake. CPO Lay spoke with several 5th grade groups of students about Conservation Police, and the natural resources of our state. The Conservation Police Officer Lodge trailer was used to give the youth an up close look at some of Illinois animals/furs.

CPO Folden located two individuals fishing without permission on coal mine property within Hamilton County. Both subjects were issued written warnings.

Region 5 CPOs conducted rifle and pistol training and qualification at the Ten Mile Creek Range.

HARDIN COUNTY

CPO Johnson issued a citation to an individual for fishing without a license and issued two subjects written warnings for possession of bass less than the minimum length.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Jourdan cited a Mt. Vernon man for off-roading at Ten Mile Creek SFWA. The site has had many problems this

Spring with mudding and dumping. The CPO hid and watched the subject drive through the site, tearing up the edges of the road in his 4-wheel drive pickup.

POPE COUNTY

CPO Johnson received a new 20 foot work boat. He performed the required break-in and maintenance procedures on the Ohio River.

SALINE COUNTY

CPO Johnson issued a citation to a subject for no fishing license.

SPRINGFIELD RECRUIT TRAINING

CPO Lay along with other Defensive Tactics Instructors conducted the DT Week at the ISP training center in Springfield for the Conservation Police Officer Trainee class. The trainees are currently in Week 2 of the Conservation Police Training Academy.

CPOs Jourdan and Folden attended the IDNR Academy in Springfield to teach waterfowl scouting techniques, baiting regulations, and waterfowl shotgun familiarization including illegal modifications of shotguns. They also participated in waterfowl training scenarios as role players while trainees conducted mock waterfowl enforcement details.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

(Counties: Clay, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Lawrence, Marion, Richland, Wabash & Wayne)

CRAWFORD COUNTY

CPO Taylor and Sgt. Hyatt, while working Crawford County Conservation Area for turkey hunters spoke to a subject that was mushroom hunting during the posted “no mushroom hunting” hours prior to 1:00 p.m. After further investigation the subject was found to be a registered sexual predator and in possession of a pipe and cannabis. The subject was arrested for being a registered sexual predator in a conservation area, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of cannabis less than 2.5 gr and violation of posted regulation in a park.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

CPO P. Smith issued a citation to an individual at Altamont Reservoir for fishing without a valid sport fish license.

CPO P. Smith issued a 20 year old man a citation for fishing without a license at the Altamont Reservoir.

CPO P. Smith issued a Missouri resident a citation for fishing without a non-resident sport fish license.

CPO P. Smith issued two written warnings to a boater at Altamont Reservoir for PFD and safety equipment violations.

CPO Smith issued two written warnings to an individual towing a trailer for trailer lights and license display.

MARION COUNTY

CPO Buhnerkempe issued one citation for a child under 13 not wearing a life jacket while boating and three written warnings for miscellaneous boating violations on Forbes Lake.

District 16 – Sgt. K. Taylor

(Counties: Alexander, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pulaski, Union & Williamson)

ALEXANDER COUNTY

CPO Vasicek received a call regarding a mountain lion sighting in the Shawnee National Forest.

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Mohrman met with adjoining landowners near a portion of the newly acquired Burning Star property to discuss the property lines. This discussion was prompted after it was discovered some survey monuments had been unlawfully moved. A few of the boundaries were not quite where the landowners thought they were until a survey was done. In some instances the landowners discovered they had more property than they thought and some not so much. The landowners will recognize the boundaries as posted and if any of the "lines" are disputed will contact CPO Mohrman to discuss them further.

CPO Vasicek located two young men who were snagging below the Kinkaid Lake spillway. One subject was 16 and one was 17, and neither had a fishing license. Vasicek had a discussion with the youths about the laws and issued them each two written warnings.

JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Vasicek and CPO Somers worked at Naturefest at the IDNR Barkhausen Wetland Center. The CPO education trailer was used to teach visitors about Illinois wildlife and laws.

CPO Thompson conducted OUI/DUI Refresher training for officers from Regions 3, 4 and 5.

CPO Thompson responded to a complaint of an injured Canada goose at SIU's Campus Lake. The goose appeared to have fishing line around one of its legs. The goose was impeded, but could still walk, swim and fly, so CPO Thompson decided to leave the goose alone and let it attend to its goslings.

MASSAC COUNTY

CPO Somers conducted two taxidermy inspections in Massac County. No violations found.

CPO Somers conducted traffic enforcement at Mermet Lake FWA. Subjects were issued two speeding citations; three written warnings.

UNION COUNTY

CPO Vasicek prepared to instruct CPOT academy class on waterfowl enforcement held at Illinois State Police academy.

CPO Vasicek instructed waterfowl enforcement to the CPO recruit class as part of the waterfowl enforcement committee. Training was held at the Illinois State Police Academy.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Boston conducted boat patrols on Crab Orchard and Little Grassy Lakes. Citations were issued for no fishing licenses violations and boat registration violations. Written warnings were also issued for boating violations.

CPO Boston assisted Williamson County traffic control at a vehicle accident.

CPO Boston is investigating an illegal taking and retaining alive case of red Fox pups. The case is on-going.

CPO Vasicek assisted a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Officer and a team of biologists from Maryland with the recovery of three immature Whooping Cranes that were separated from their flock during the winter migration and didn't know the

way back to the breeding area. With less than 600 remaining worldwide, Whooping Cranes are considered a critically important endangered species. The two person recovery team who had taken part in the rearing and migration of the cranes with the aid of an ultra-light aircraft were able to capture all three birds which will be transported via truck to Wisconsin where they will reunite with their flock. The program assisting with Whooping Crane population growth is known as "Operation Migration".

CPO Vasicek conducted safety inspections of boats being used during the IHSA State High School Bass Fishing Sectionals held at Lake of Egypt.

CPO Boston patrolled Williamson County lakes, Crab Orchard refuge lakes over the weekend. A couple written warnings were issued.

CPO Boston opened an investigation of a man unlawfully taking red foxes out of season and retaining them alive.

OTHER:

A District 16 CPO is investigating a marijuana grow in a southern Illinois county. This is under investigation and no further information can be disclosed at this time.